

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 15-19. New claims 20-26 have been added to more particularly define the invention.

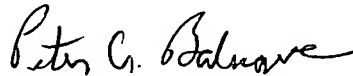
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 08/866,129, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application 8-160885 filed on May 31, 1996, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd., at Reel 9048 and Frame 0890.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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